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This is a decision in response to the petition, filed May 6, 2010, to accept the unintentionally delayed payment of a maintenance fee for the above-identified patent under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.378(c).

The petition is not signed by a registered patent attorney or agent of record. However, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.34, the signature of Donald J. Ranft appearing on the correspondence shall constitute a representation to the United States Patent and Trademark Office that he is authorized to represent the particular party on whose behalf he acts.

This patent expired on September 20, 2009 for failure to pay the first maintenance fee. Since this petition was submitted within twenty-four months after the six-month grace period provided in 37 CFR 1.362(e), the petition is timely filed under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.378(c).

A petition to accept the unintentionally delayed payment of a maintenance fee under 35 U.S.C. 41(c) and 37 CFR 1.378(c) must be accompanied by: (1) a statement that the delay was unintentional; (2) payment of the appropriate maintenance fee, unless previously submitted; and (3) payment of the surcharge set forth in 37 CFR 1.20(i)(2).

The petition is found to comply with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.378(c). Accordingly, the petition is **GRANTED**.

In view of the above, the 3 1/2 year maintenance fee in this case is hereby accepted and the above-identified patent is reinstated as of the mail date of this decision.

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter may be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3204.

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